

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating virus-free plants ~~characterized in that~~ comprising isolating and culturing a domy tissue formed by culturing the foliage leaf base of a virus-infected plant ~~infected with a virus that propagates via scaly bulbs or bulbs is isolated and~~ cultured.
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~wherein~~ further comprising forming the domy tissue by culturing in the absence of plant hormones an explant comprising the foliage leaf base from which shoot apex and foliage leaves have been removed ~~is cultured in the absence of plant hormones to form a domy tissue.~~
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said foliage leaf base is a section from the joint to a part 1-3 mm lower therefrom of a foliage leaf.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the plant that propagates with scaly bulbs or bulbs is a plant of the genus *Allium*.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the *Allium* plant is *Allium sativum*.